



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO CODE TALKER AND NEW MEXICO STATE SENATOR, DR. JOHN PINTO

THE NAVAJO NATION honors John Pinto who was born December 15, 1924 and passed on May 24, 2019 at the age of 94; born to the Díbéłzhíní (Black Sheep Clan) and for the Táchii'nii (Red Running into the Water People Clan), from Lupton, Arizona, we remember his contribution to the Navajo People and to the State of New Mexico and give this special recognition:

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of the Honorable Dr. John Pinto – a Navajo Code Talker, Veteran, National Hero, a Doctor of Public Service, and a great Diné Leader for the Navajo People and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Senator Pinto served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Senator Pinto returned home and began his duty as a public servant as a member of the New Mexico State Senate in 1977 making him the longest serving legislator in state history; and


WHEREAS, the Navajo Technical University bestowed upon Senator Pinto its very first honorary doctoral degree for Public Service on May 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his children, grandchildren, friends, colleagues, and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff from May 29, 2019 thru May 30, 2019 to honor the memory and service of the late Senator John Pinto.

ORDERED THIS 28th DAY OF MAY 2019


Jonathan Nez, *President*
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Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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